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Dear Sirs:

I am opposed to the expansion of the landfill. The current landfill is a burden on the local environment. The leachate from the structure pollutes the groundwater upon which many residential and area farmers rely. The trash comes from a far-ranging area and includes many toxic items, in spite of recycling efforts, like batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, petroleum products from containers and numerous other harmful products that flow by gravity and reach the underlying strata. These will continue to flow from the area for countless years, resulting in polluted groundwater for many Benton County citizens. It should not be a burden on our county for disposal of the refuse from far-flung areas of the state. Not only do we have to bear the burden of the landfill itself, a visit to the areas outside the site reveals large amounts of trash strewn about our roads as the trucks approach the site from all directions.

While the current revenue is enticing, the long-term costs of this facility will continue to cost the residents of Benton County long into the future. Let's not shift the long-term cost of the landfill on our future residents but close the existing facility as scheduled and relocate the landfill to an area that can benefit from the latest technologies.

Again, I strongly urge opposition to the expansion.

Sincerely yours,

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